

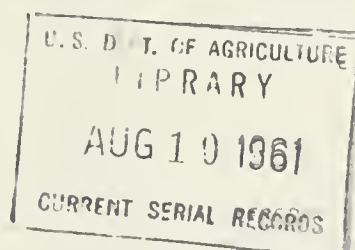
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DRY BEAN AND PEA

EXPORTS DOWN

U.S. dry bean and pea exports for 9 months of the 1960-61 marketing year were down 36 and 17 percent, respectively, from a year earlier.

Dry Beans

From September 1960 through May 1961, exports of dry beans were 1.6 million 100 pound bags compared with 2.5 million bags during the corresponding period a year before, and 1.4 million in 1957-58. Of the total, 58 percent went to Latin America, 33 percent to Europe, 4 percent to Canada and the remainder to Asia, Australia and other areas.

Shipments to Mexico (494,000 bags) and the United Kingdom (450,000) accounted for 58 percent of the total trade in the 9 month period. For a similar period in 1958-59 shipments to Mexico were 160,000 bags and in 1957-58, 511,000 bags. Exports to the United Kingdom were 590,000 bags in 1958-59 and 415,000 for a similar 1957-58 period.

Exports to Cuba, formerly the best U.S. market for colored beans, were 237,000 bags, down 68 percent from 740,000 in 1958-59. For the same period in 1957-58 exports to Cuba were over 900,000 bags. Since December 1960, bean trade with Cuba has been at a standstill.

Of the total 1.6 million bags exported, 35 percent were pea beans, 30 percent pintos, 13 percent other colored, 7 percent red Kidney, 5 percent small reds, and the balance about equally divided between Great Northerns, other white, and seed.

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September-May	1959-60		889	561	103	64	388	382	130	30	2544
September-May	1958-59		498	339	43	256	805	456	108	30	2537
September-May	1957-58		7	127	154	177	496	N.A.	N.A.	37	1350

U.S. Export Dry Peas, August 1960-April 1961

Country of Destination	Dry Ripe Green	Dry Ripe Other 1/	Seed (All types)	Total
	1000's of 100 Pd. Bags			
Canada.....	8	26	57	91
Total North America.....	8	26	57	91
Latin America:				
Mexico.....	1	4	1	6
Republic of Panama.....	1	15	---	16
Cuba.....	9	5	---	14
Jamaica.....	2/	2	---	2
Trinidad/Tobago.....	1	62	---	63
Venezuela.....	62	170	---	232
Brazil.....	49	5	2	56
Peru.....	8	1	---	9
Surinam.....	---	11	---	11
British Honduras.....	---	1	---	1
Total Latin America.....	131	276	3	410
Europe:				
United Kingdom.....	460	67	29	556
Netherlands.....	2	87	6	95
West Germany.....	4	144	5	153
Italy.....	5	---	3	8
Belgium-Luxembourg.....	19	1	---	20
Norway.....	2	24	---	26
Iceland.....	1	1	---	2
Switzerland.....	1	25	2	28
Ireland.....	---	1	---	1
Sweden.....	---	33	22	55
Denmark.....	---	15	3	18
Total Europe.....	494	398	70	962
Asia:				
Israel.....	1	1	---	2
Hongkong.....	2	2/	2/	2
Philippines.....	3	2	---	5
Total Asia.....	6	3	---	9
Other.....	5	18	5	28
Grand Total.....	644	721	135	1500
August-April 1959-60.....	1147	553	112	1812
August-April 1958-59.....	778	373	94	1246
August-April 1957-58.....	462	281	64	805

1/ White and yellow peas, and lentils.

2/ Less than 500 bags.

Dry Peas

Dry pea exports for the first 9 months of the marketing year (Aug. 1960 - April 1961) were 1.5 million 100 pound bags compared with 1.2 million in 1958-59 and 800,000 in 1957-58.

Western Europe took 64 percent of the total export, Latin America 27 percent, Canada 6 percent. The remainder went to Asia and elsewhere.

Shipments to the United Kingdom, the best U.S. dry pea market, were more than 0.5 million bags, mostly Alaskas. In 1958-59 shipments were 854,000 bags for the 9-month period and 674,000 for the similar period in 1957-58.

Other large European markets were West Germany (150,000 bags) compared with 180,000 in 1958-59 and the Netherlands (95,000 bags) compared with 90,000 a year ago. Both countries took yellow peas.

Exports to Latin America exceeded 400,000 bags, with about 57 percent or 250,000 bags going to Venezuela. In 1958-59 and in 1957-58 Venezuela took about 185,000 bags each year. Venezuela imports both green and yellow, mostly the latter. Other large markets in Latin America were Trinidad and Brazil which took 60,000 and 50,000 bags respectively.

In North America 90,000 bags were shipped to Canada ---- over half of which were seed. Other substantial quantities of seed went to the United Kingdom (30,000 bags) and Sweden (22,000 bags).

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